

AN ACT REGULATING THE INTRODUCTION OF FOREIGN CATTLE INTO THE CHOCTAW NATION.

WHEREAS, the introduction of Texas cattle into the Choctaw Nation has been detrimental to the native cattle thereof, by bringing in diseases such as Spanish fever, and Black Leg; and

WHEREAS, It has been a custom of cattlemen who introduce such cattle to let them run at large on the public domain and to drift unattended, and thus drifting carry the small herds of cattle away from their ranges causing great loss and inconvenience to the citizens, and to the non-citizens who pay their permits, and

WHEREAS, The allotment of our lands in severalty and the taking of each citizen of his rightful share, which must of necessity break up the holding of ~~the~~ large bodies of land in pastures, is under the Agreement in the near and immediate future, THEREFORE,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation Assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act and its approval by the Principal Chief, and by the President of the United States, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to introduce into the Choctaw Nation from any State or surrounding Nations any cattle of any kind except during the months of November and December, and then only to be kept in feed-pens and legal enclosures, and not to be turned loose on the public range.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That any one guilty of a violation of this law shall be indicted by the Grand Jury and on conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum amounting to five dollars, (\$5.00), per head for each head of cattle introduced; and the fine so imposed, upon failure by the defendant to pay same within ten days, shall be collected by the Sheriff by a public sale of said cattle.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the public sale herein mentioned shall be made by the Sheriff on thirty days public notice, said notice shall be given by posting notices in three public places in the county in which said sale is to take place, and said sale shall be public auction.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That any non citizen introducing cattle as herein prohibited, shall be by the District Attorney wherein the cattle ~~are~~ are allowed to run at large on the range, reported to the United Sta-

tes Indian Agent, and also to the nearest United States Commissioner with
in whose jurisdiction the offense is committed, to be prosecuted under
the laws of the United States.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That any violation of the provisions of
Section 1 of this Act shall be held to be a trespass upon the Public Do-
main of the Choctaw Nation and punished as such, and this Act shall take
effect and be in force from and after the approval herein provided.

Proposed by

H. P. Ward

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Read and interpreted
and passed the
House and referred
to Chief this 22nd
day of March 1899

Jos A. Wickes
Speaker of the House.
W. W. Cooper
Recording Secretary.

Filed in my office
this March 22, 1899,
Soloman Howland
Notary Public
in and for the County of
Columbia, State of
New York.

No. 5.
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passed the senate
and referred to the
Lower house
This 21st day of March 1899-

H. P. Ward
Pres. Senate
Will E. Burdick
Recording Secy.

Read and interpreted
and laid over for
further consideration
this the 21st day of
March 1899.

J. A. Wickes
Speaker of the House.
W. W. Cooper
Recording Secretary.

Approved
April 15, 1899,
W. K. Kelley